

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 7-32 are pending and stand ready for further action on the merits. Support for new claims 29-32 can be found in the Examples in the specification. No new matter has been added to the disclosure. This amendment has not been made for the sake of patentability and/or does not narrow the scope of the invention.

Applicants' comments regarding the patentability of the present invention over the cited references as disclosed in the April 11, 2003 Amendment is herein incorporated by reference.

Conclusion

In view of the above-amendments and comments, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are allowable. A Notice to such effect is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Garth M. Dahlen, Ph.D. (Reg. No. 43,575) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees

required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17;  
particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 29-32 have been added.